

February 5, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, February 13, 2008- 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
February 13, 2008**

**COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (\*).

3. Information.

4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

\*4A. Approval of January 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes

4A. Review and approval of the January 9, 2008 meeting minutes.

\*4B. Project List for the Arizona Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program

A total of \$1,125,000 statewide is available for projects through the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Safe Routes to School Program. The program provides funding to public and non-profit agencies for projects that improve road safety and encourage more grade K-8 children to walk or bike to their neighborhood schools. In

4B. Recommend approval of the ranked list of projects for submission to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program.

response to the ADOT call for projects announced in November 2007, 18 project applications were submitted to ADOT from the MAG region. The ADOT application review process stipulates that Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Governments must recommend a ranked list of projects to ADOT by February 28, 2008. On January 22, 2008, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed all project proposals, and generated a ranked list for consideration by ADOT. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4C. Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and Material Cost Changes to the ADOT Program

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 27, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed Highway administrative modifications and amendments to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A, administrative modifications to the ALCP are listed in Table B, and proposed Transit amendments are listed in Table C. An administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. In addition, Table D notes the material cost change to the ADOT Program. The material cost changes are related to cost increases. The right of way project for I-10: Sarival Road to Dysart Road increased by \$500,000 and the construction project for the US-60: I-10 to Loop 101 increased by \$7,500,000. On January 31, 2008, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the project changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4D. Consultant Selection for the Statewide Transportation Survey

On December 19, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved conducting a public opinion survey to measure voter attitudes and preferences

4C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, the FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program, as appropriate, and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, and a material cost change to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables.

4D. Recommend that MAG negotiate with WestGroup Research to conduct the Statewide Transportation Survey for an amount not to exceed \$55,000. If negotiations with WestGroup Research are not successful, the panel recommends that MAG

in addressing regional and statewide transportation mobility needs, and that the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget be amended to include \$55,000 for the survey. On January 13, 2008, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to develop and conduct an independent, scientifically valid voter opinion survey. In response, six proposals were received. A multi-agency review team met on February 5, 2008, and recommended to MAG the selection of WestGroup Research to conduct the survey. In addition, the team recommended that if negotiations with WestGroup are not successful, that MAG be directed to negotiate with its second choice, Behavior Research Center. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4E. The Interstate 10 - Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study

Since May 2006, the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study has been underway for establishing a mobility framework for a significant portion of Maricopa County west of the White Tank Mountains. In August and September 2007, the Management Committee, the Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council were provided a briefing on the results and potential recommendations generated on the project. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Study on January 31, 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4F. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update. The proposed amendment includes new transit projects for the City of Phoenix

negotiate with its second choice, Behavior Research Center, to conduct the survey.

4E. Recommendation to (1) accept the findings of the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study as the surface and public transportation framework for the Hassayampa Valley; (2) adopt the traffic interchange locations for the Interstate-10/Papago Freeway from SR-303L/Estrella Freeway to 459th Avenue; (3) adopt a two-mile traffic interchange spacing policy for new freeway facilities within the Hassayampa Valley with appropriate planning for non-access crossings of the freeway facilities to facilitate local transportation movements; (4) adopt a new functional classification as a parkway, recognizing the Arizona Parkway as a type of parkway with unique operating characteristics for congestion and air quality planning purposes; (5) accept the findings and implementation strategies as described in the study for inclusion as illustrative corridors in the Regional Transportation Plan; and, (6) recommend the affected jurisdictions within the Hassayampa Valley study area incorporate this study's recommendations into future updates of their general plans.

4F. Consultation.

and a federally-funded pedestrian project for the Town of Gilbert. In addition, an administrative modification includes the repackaging of pre-design, design, and right-of-way projects for Maricopa County improvements to El Mirage Road and changes to the allocation of funding amounts for several City of Scottsdale intersection projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by February 22, 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4G. MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan 2008 Update

The MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan 2008 Update was developed in collaboration with representatives from 70 agencies, municipalities, companies and residents. The plan addresses progress made since the implementation of the plan in 2007. It also proposes five new strategies. This activity is undertaken in response to a federal requirement affecting all applicants of Section 5310, Section 5316 and Section 5317. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee and Human Services Coordinating Committee recommended approval of the plan in January 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4H. Social Services Block Grant Allocation Recommendations

Under a planning contract with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), MAG annually researches and solicits input on human services needs in the region. The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee develops recommendations for which services should be directed to meet these needs through the locally planned dollars under the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Services funded by SSBG include assistance to the most vulnerable people in the region, including very low-income children and families, elderly people, victims of domestic violence, homeless people and persons with disabilities. The MAG Human Services Technical

4G. Recommend approval of the MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan 2008 Update.

4H. Recommend approval of the SSBG allocation recommendations for FY 2008-2009 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Committee and the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee both recommended approval of the recommendations in January 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Draft Revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy

At the September 12, 2007 MAG Management Committee meeting, interested managers were requested to participate in a review of the MAG Highway Acceleration Policy. The working group of managers met on December 5, 2007 and January 30, 2008 and discussed and recommended revisions to the policy. At the January 30, 2008 meeting, the consensus of the working group was to move forward the draft revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy for consideration and adoption by the MAG Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group Update

On May 9, 2007, the MAG Management Committee formed a Stakeholders Group to examine the Maricopa County bookings and prisoner per diem rates and explore possible options to improve the current system. The Stakeholders Group has reviewed and discussed the recently completed Maricopa County's consultant report on the methodology for calculating the prisoner per diem and booking rates, as well as the other s and presentations. As part of this update, Maricopa County Finance staff and their consultant will review the FY 2009 bookings and per diem rates and the findings of the consultant's report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Update on Funding Issues for the MAG 911 System

The Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund was established to provide funding to public safety agencies for the purchase and maintenance of telephone equipment necessary to respond to emergency calls. In addition, the fund allocates three percent of the amount to administrative costs or fees for consultant services.

5. Discussion and possible action to recommend the adoption of the draft revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy.

6. Possible recommendation of the options developed by the Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group.

7. Information, discussion, and possible action to recommend support of legislation to increase the percentage allowed for administrative costs from three to five percent and to encourage the Legislature to provide a permanent funding source to continue the Community Emergency Notification System.

(Of this, the State 911 Office receives two percent, and the MAG 911 Office shares one percent with the remainder of the state.) Due to the decrease in the monthly rate per phone line over the past three years (37 cents in 2006, 28 cents in 2007, and 20 cents in 2008), the administrative amount has also decreased. In the current legislative session, HB 2381 has been filed to increase the amount for administrative costs from three percent to five percent. This will allow the MAG 911 Office to retain the staff required for continuous updating of wireless mapping.

Another component of the region's emergency communications is the Community Emergency Notification System (CENS), which telephones residents with warnings and instructions about how they should react to emergency situations in their area. The fund, which has supported CENS since its inception, will be depleted by the end of FY 2008 (June 30, 2008). Both the MAG 911 PSAP Managers and the MAG 911 Oversight Team have indicated their support for continuing the CENS program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

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### INFORMATION ITEMS

### PROPOSED NOT TO BE HEARD

10. Development of the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in

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conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in April and approved by the Regional Council in May. To provide an early start in developing the Work Program and Budget, this presentation is an overview of MAG's draft proposed new projects for the FY 2009 Work Program. The updated draft budget time line and estimated dues and assessments are included in the budget s. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Status of Local Sponsored Federal Funded Projects

A report has been written on the status of local sponsored federal funded projects for FY 2008. This item was on the January 31, 2008 Transportation Review Committee's agenda for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. MAG Regional Economic Summary

Changes in a number of economic factors are having a significant impact on the level of activity and fiscal conditions on the State of Arizona and the region. Employment growth has slowed to about one percent, after growing by more than five percent the previous year. The State of Arizona's individual income tax collections are down about one percent year-to-date, with sales (transaction privilege) tax collections slightly down also. Overall, current estimates suggest that the State of Arizona has a shortfall between \$850 to \$970 million, or roughly eight percent of the State budget. A report compiled by MAG highlights changing conditions in the economy, tax revenues, and commodity and labor costs related to public infrastructure projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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